



# Creststreet Resource Fund

October Newsletter

## Net Asset Value Per Share

**October 31, 2009: \$3.4380**

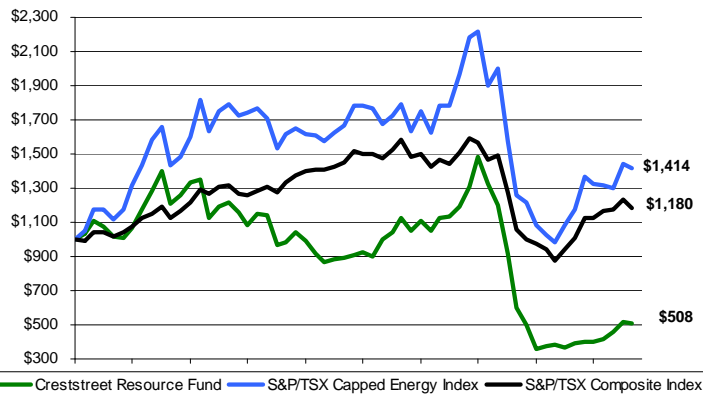
## Fund Description

The Creststreet Resource Fund (the "Fund" or "CRF") provides Canadian investors with exposure to a broad array of investments in the conventional energy market in Canada. The Fund's investment objective is to provide the potential for long-term growth of capital and to a lesser extent, the production of income. The Fund invests primarily in equity securities of Canadian resource issuers. The Fund may also invest in international securities.

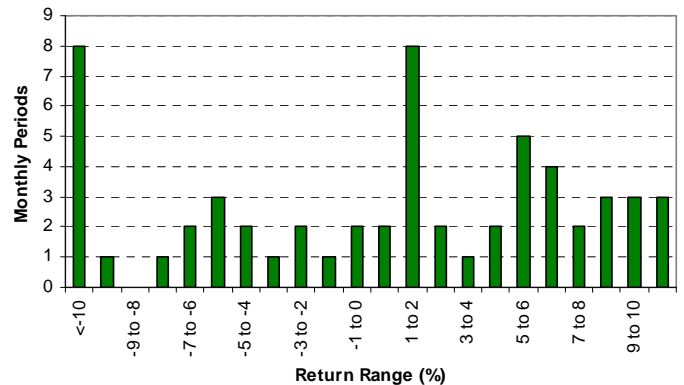
## Historical Performance <sup>(1)</sup>

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD
2005	3.0%	7.5%	-2.8%	-5.6%	-0.5%	5.9%	9.7%	9.7%	8.9%	-13.5%	3.6%	6.3%	33.4%
2006	1.5%	-16.8%	5.4%	2.4%	-5.0%	-6.6%	6.2%	-0.4%	-15.3%	1.4%	6.2%	-4.8%	-25.6%
2007	-7.5%	-5.2%	1.6%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	-2.6%	10.9%	4.2%	8.3%	-6.6%	5.4%	11.6%
2008	-5.0%	7.2%	0.6%	5.2%	9.9%	13.4%	-10.9%	-9.2%	-24.1%	-34.3%	-16.0%	-29.0%	-67.7%
2009	5.4%	1.6%	-3.9%	6.3%	1.7%	0.5%	5.0%	8.4%	13.0%	-1.2%			42.0%

## Performance <sup>(1)(2)</sup>



## Distribution of Returns <sup>(1)</sup>



<sup>(1)</sup> Inception date of the Fund is December 31, 2004. The indicated rates of return are historical annual compound total returns and do not take into account sales, redemptions, distributions or operational charges, or income taxes payable by any security holder that would have reduced returns. Performance is calculated net of fees.

<sup>(2)</sup> See Use of Benchmarks Disclaimer on page 2.

## Statistics <sup>(1)(2)</sup>

	CRF	S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index	S&P/TSX Composite Index
Compounded Annual Return (since inception)	-13.1%	7.4%	3.5%
1 Year Return	-15.3%	12.0%	11.8%
Standard Deviation	9.8%	8.1%	4.9%
R-Squared		0.55	0.48
Correlation		0.74	0.69
Beta		0.89	1.39
Monthly Alpha		-1.5%	-1.2%
Largest Month Gain	13.4%	16.7%	11.2%
Largest Month Loss	-34.3%	-21.4%	-16.9%

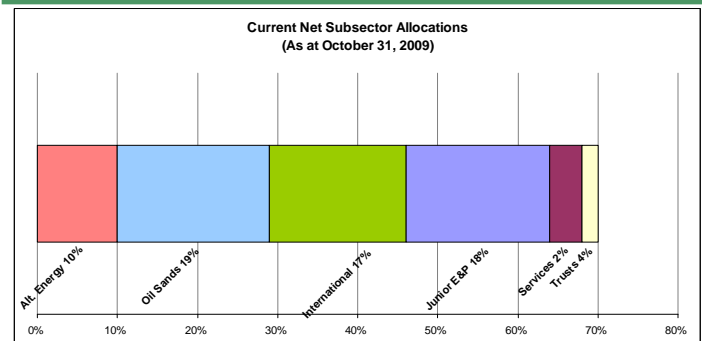
## Terms

Fund AUM	\$25.6M	Minimum Initial Subscription	\$ 1,000
Performance Fee	None	Year End	December 31
Management Fee	2%	Redemptions and Contributions	Weekly
Administrator	RBC Dexia Investor Services	Pricing	Weekly
Type	North American Equity	Auditors	KPMG LLP
Fund Code	CAM 100	RRSP / TFSA eligible	Yes

## Top Holdings as at October 31, 2009 <sup>long positions only</sup>

- Advantage Oil & Gas Ltd.
- Athabasca Oil Sands Corp.
- Painted Pony Petroleum Ltd.
- Peyto Energy Trust
- RuggedCom Inc.

## Sub-Sector Allocation as at October 31, 2009



### Fund Commentary

The Creststreet Resource Fund was down 1.2 percent during the month of October 2009 compared to the S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index, which was down 2.0 percent, and the S&P/TSX Composite Index, which down 4.2%.

### Outlook

Following several months of positive returns, North American equity markets experienced a moderate correction in October, with the S&P declining 2.0%, the TSX falling 4.2%, and the Dow staying flat. This downward movement, however, has since reversed itself in early November and at the time of this newsletter's writing market levels remain in the vicinity of the peak levels reached in the middle of October.

The levels that the aforementioned indexes have now reached are between 50 and 65% above this year's lows reached in March 2009, and while by several indicators the economy has stabilized, recent data releases indicate that economic growth in the near to medium-term will be low to moderate in a best case scenario, with a significant risk that a further contraction occurs as part of a double-dip recession.

We have long focused on the US Consumer as the epicenter of the economic downturn. With the US representing 30% of the World Economy and with Personal Consumption being 70% of that country's GDP (and 80% of its growth!) the story remains the same – without a strong US consumer the growth prospects for the American, and by extension, the world remain low to moderate at best.

### Commodities Review

NYMEX crude oil closed the month of September at US\$77.00, an increase of 9.0 percent month-over-month. The price of oil remains strong as the market continues to look past the current supply overhang in the form of increased OPEC spare capacity and record storage levels to a period of renewed tightness in supply.

NYMEX natural gas prices closed the month at US\$5.05 per million British thermal units (mmbtu), which represents a gain of 4.2% from the previous month largely as a result of the contango in the futures curve upon the roll to the December contract. Although we believe it is only a matter of time for before the supply response from falling rig counts to start to impact natural gas prices, we expect that soft natural gas prices will persist well into 2010 before natural gas storage levels rebalance and natural gas prices improve.

### Fund Performance and Strategy

During the month of October, the Fund maintained its exposure to a number of junior and intermediate oil-weighted producers with significant growth prospects both domestically and internationally. With the rapid rise in crude oil from its lows earlier in the year, we have seen renewed enthusiasm from the markets with respect to oil producers and we believe that funds will continue to flow into the best companies driving valuations back to their historic norms. We continue to remain cautious with respect to investing in natural gas producers in the near-term, as natural gas inventory storage is now at record levels and we have only seen a limited supply response to the rig count that began to decline a year ago. We have limited our exposure to those names with the lowest cost projects that will generate material growth over time while also maintaining short positions in those companies with high cost structures and too much financial leverage.

The Fund also continues to hold a number of private investments. These investments, which are principally oil sands developers, have been highly successful investments for the Fund. In accordance with its private investment valuation policy, the Fund marks these investments to market based on third party transactions. Recently we have seen increased activity in the market for these securities as well as a corresponding up-tick in valuations. In particular, the Fund's largest position is in Athabasca Oil Sands Corporation. Athabasca recently announced that PetroChina intends on acquiring a 60% interest in its two most advanced oil sands development projects for \$1.9 billion. The value of Athabasca shares have appreciated significantly in private sale transactions that have occurred since this announcement, however, we continue to believe that the net realizable value of these investments could be substantially higher as oil prices recover and recommend that investors retain their investment in the Fund at these levels.

**Use of Benchmarks** The S&P/TSX Capped Energy Index is comprised of shares of Canadian companies involved in exploration and/or production of energy resources and is designed to track the performance of the entire energy sector and is used as a benchmark to show how the Fund is performing in relation to the Canadian conventional energy resource sector on a relative basis. The S&P/TSX Composite Index covers approximately 95% of the Canadian-based Toronto Stock Exchange-listed companies and is designed to track the performance of the Canadian equities market as a whole and is used as a benchmark to show how the Fund is performing in relation to the broader Canadian equity market on a relative basis.

### About Creststreet

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